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| In re the Application of: | Stanislav M. Snaidr | Atty. Docket No.: | 000417.00019 |
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| For: | CIGARETTE SIDESTREAM SMOKE AND FREE-BURN RATE CONTROL DEVICE | | |

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This document is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 26, 2009.

In response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2008, Applicants request that the Examiner enter the amendments to the claims, as set forth herein, and request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the claim amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of the period of response, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733. Applicants also submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement presenting a better, more idiomatic, translation of JP 06-052497, solely for the purpose of rebutting a position taken in the Office Action. Therefore, Applicants submit no fee.

Applicants believe no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessary to enter the cited document, amend the claims, and reconsider this application to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Amendments to the Claims are recited on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 4.